



## California

### Los Angeles Defense Area Nike Battery 96

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#### ***Facility and Location***

The Los Angeles Defense Area Nike Battery 96 site was used from April 11, 1962 to August 20, 1970 for construction, operation, and maintenance of anti-aircraft, surface-to-air and Nike Battery 96 deployed Hercules missiles. A preliminary review of site information indicates that while the solid rocket fuel boosters utilized by the missile contained no perchlorate, the sustainer motor contained perchlorate.

#### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

In the summer of 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards requested information from DoD regarding perchlorate in drinking water. DoD worked with California regulators to establish an interagency working group and a methodology for prioritizing sites for sampling to determine the extent of the problem potentially attributable to DoD. The California Perchlorate Sampling Prioritization Protocol allows California to assist DoD in prioritizing the investigation of suspected sites and to focus resources on the sites that may have the greatest impact to the public. Los Angeles Defense Area Nike Battery 96 was identified as a site for additional consideration and possible sampling per the California Perchlorate Site Prioritization Protocol.

#### ***Appropriate Actions***

A detailed review of site historical information is ongoing to determine whether the potential for past release of perchlorate to the environment exists as a result of DoD activities.